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Los Angeles County Awarded \$750,000 to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias through the California Healthy Brain Initiative

LOS ANGELES—The California Department of Public Health has awarded \$750,000 to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to address the growing burden of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias among high risk populations in Los Angeles County. The grant, which will run through June 2022, will be administered by the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention to support prevention and policy change efforts in the region.

"Through the Healthy Brain Initiative, Public Health will be able to expand its support of LA residents with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers by promoting culturally-sensitive tools and resources that can help people manage these cognitive conditions," said Dr. Tony Kuo, MD, MSHS, Director, Division of Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention. "This grant will enable us to better serve Black/African American and Latino/Latinx communities by expanding the educational and outreach efforts of Public Health and its partners in the City of Los Angeles."

Public Health will bring together key partners including the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging, the Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, the Rancho Los Amigos/USC California Alzheimer's Disease Center, and Alzheimer's Los Angeles to increase community education and awareness; develop policies to improve access to health, aging, and prevention services; and disseminate reliable, culturally sensitive information and tools to promote best practices on brain health.

The Healthy Brain Initiative will build upon the long-standing efforts of the Office of Senior Health and its aging services partners to raise awareness of the impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias on individuals and their caregivers in the county. It will also leverage the Chronic Disease division's expertise in the prevention and management of modifiable risk factors for these conditions, including obesity, diabetes, and untreated hypertension.

The Department of Public Health is committed to protecting and improving the health of over 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, Public Health oversees environmental health, disease control, and community and family health. Nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health comprises nearly 4,100 employees and has an annual budget of \$1 billion. To learn more about Los Angeles County Public Health, visit PublicHealth.LACounty.gov, and follow LA County Public Health on social media at twitter.com/LAPublicHealth, [facebook.com/LAPublicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/LAPublicHealth), [instagram.com/LAPublicHealth](https://www.instagram.com/LAPublicHealth) and [youtube.com/LAPublicHealth](https://www.youtube.com/LAPublicHealth).

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